



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6943

January Session, 2019



AN ACT ALLOWING MEDICAL ASSISTANTS TO ADMINISTER VACCINES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2019*) (a) For purposes of this
2 section, "medical assistant" means a person who (1) (A) is certified by
3 the American Association of Medical Assistants, the National
4 Healthcareer Association, the National Center for Competency Testing
5 or the American Medical Technologists, and (B) has graduated from a
6 postsecondary medical assisting program (i) accredited by the
7 Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs,
8 the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools or another
9 accrediting organization recognized by the United States Department
10 of Education, or (ii) offered by an institution of higher education
11 accredited by an accrediting organization recognized by the United
12 States Department of Education, or (2) has completed relevant medical
13 assistant training provided by any branch of the armed forces of the
14 United States.

15 (b) A medical assistant may administer a vaccine under the direct
16 supervision, control and responsibility of a physician licensed
17 pursuant to chapter 370 of the general statutes or an advanced practice
18 registered nurse licensed pursuant to chapter 378 of the general
19 statutes to any person in any setting other than a hospital. Prior to

20 administering a vaccine, a medical assistant shall complete not less
21 than twenty-four hours of classroom training and not less than eight
22 hours of training in a clinical setting regarding the administration of
23 vaccines.

24 (c) On or before January first annually, the Commissioner of Public
25 Health shall obtain from the American Association of Medical
26 Assistants, the National Healthcareer Association, the National Center
27 for Competency Testing and the American Medical Technologists a
28 listing of all state residents maintained on said organizations' registry
29 of certified medical assistants. The commissioner shall make such
30 listings available for public inspection.

31 Sec. 2. Section 19a-6f of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective*
32 *October 1, 2019*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	Repealer section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In line 19, "hospital setting" was changed to "hospital" for clarity.

PH *Joint Favorable Subst.*